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INSTITUTIONS CONNECTED WITH ERNET
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of Colleges and Research Institutions in Andaman and Nicobar Islands connected with ERNET to provide value added services;

(b) the details of its advantages/benefits to the students of rural areas in Andman and Nicobar Islands; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide ERNET connectivity to all the colleges in the Islands?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a),(b) and (c): Education & Research Network (ERNET) India has a scheme to connect research institutions under University Grants Commission (UGC), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE). As a part of ICAR, Central Agricultural Research Institute in Andaman & Nicobar Islands is one such user instiution. One school `Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya` in Andaman & Nicobar Islands has been connected through Education & Research Network (ERNET). The connectivity through ERNET backbone will help students and teachers to have access to:

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